10—18. 1 JOHN. 901   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION, AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 God $0 loved us, we ought us, we also ought to love one an-   
 also to lore one another. other. 22 God hath \*no one beheld = jh2iJ5:   
 12.No man hath seen God other, God 1 Tinie,   
 at any time. If we love at any time. If we love one an- “\*\*   
 one another, God dwelleth abideth in us, and 4 the seb...   
 in us, and his love is per- love of Him is perfected in us.   
 fected in us. '3 Hereby 132 TTerein know we that we abide \*Jp'xis.».   
 ch. 24,   
   
 implied, by which that propitiation was another, seeing that they stand between   
 wrought, Eph. i. 7: and that, God’s giv- those words in ver. 11, and the resumption   
 ing His own Son to death for us, being of them in ver.   
 the greatest and crowning act of divine Now on examining ver. 11, we find an   
 Love). unexpected substitution, “if God so loved   
 Ly Application to ourselves of this us, we also ought to love (not God, but]   
 exanple, a3 a motive to brotherly love. one another.” Why so? Here, ver.   
 Strictly parallel with the latter part of will gnide us to an answer, if rightly use   
 ch. iii, where the same ethical infer- Not, because we cannot love God whom we   
 ence is drawn with regard to the example have not seen: but because the exponcuts   
 of Christ Himself. Beloved (the Apostle’s of God, whom we have not seen, are our   
 usual introduction of a fervent and solemn brethren, whom we do sce. And the   
 address, vy. 1, 7, ul.), if if with an Apostle, in substituting “one another,”   
 indicative, stating a fact, is very dificult docs uot for a moment drop or set aside   
 to give exactly in English. It is not on the higher, “ God,” but in fact leads up to   
 Pea cee ae Reco des of aiicer: it, by putting its lower and visible objects   
 tainty: but neither on the other is it before us. And then ver. 12 comes in as   
 exactly equivalent to “since,” or “seeing an explanation, an apology as it were, for   
 that.” We may call it a certainty put in this substitution, in the following manner   
 the shape of a doubt, that the hearer’s Love one another, I say: for the love to   
 mind may grasp the certainty for itself, God, which is our duty, is love towards   
 not take it from the speaker. “If [it be ‘one whom we have never seen, and cannot   
 true that] . . .” is perhaps the nearest exist in us [as ver. 20] unless by and with   
 English fillmg up of the sense) God so its lower degrees as manifested towards our   
 loved us (s0 namely as detailed in ver. 10, brethren whom we have seen. By our love   
 which, and which alone, is pointed at), we to them are we to know, how far we have   
 also ought to love one another (the also love to Him: if that be present, He   
 does not belong to the ought, but purely dwelleth in us, and “ the love of Him is   
 to the we,—\*we, on our side.” But on perfected in us.” And thus [see below]   
 whnt does the obligation, asserted in we the way is prepared for vv. 15, 16, which   
 ought, rest? Clearly, on that relation to take up and bring to a conclusion the   
 God aud one another implied by being reasoning): if we love one another, God   
 children of God, which runs through all abideth in us (for the reason already   
 this section of the Epistle. Ifwe are of stated in ver. 8, and restated in immediate   
 God, that love which is in Him, and which connexion with this very matter in ver. 16,   
 le is, will in ns, will us like Him, that God is Love, and every one that   
 causing us to love those who are begotten loveth is born of God, knows God, abides   
 of Him, ch, v. 1, 2. And of this love, our in God and God in him), and (simply the   
 apprehension of His Love to us will be the copula) the love of Him (as in ch. ii. 5,   
 motive and the measure). 12.] God where we had the same expression, our   
 hath no one ever beheld (what is the con- love to Him, not, as some explain it, His   
 nexion of these words, so suddenly and love to us. ‘This is evident, not mercly   
 startlingly introduced ? It is evident that from ii. 5, but from the context here: sce   
 ver. 12 is connected with ver. 11, by the it explained above, and remember that it   
 words “if we love one another,” taking is onr love to God which is here the sub-   
 up again “we ought to love one another.” ject, as evinced by our love to our brethren.   
 Kut it is also evident that it is ‘This is shewn by the recurrence of   
 with ver. 13 by the words “ abideth in us,” the same expression in ver. 17, “ Herein is   
 &e. And it is further plain, that these love perfected with us,” and ver. 18, “ he   
 words, God hath no one ever beheld, must that feareth is not made perfect in love.”   
 have some close reference to loving one And’so the majority of ose] is